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SUBJECT: RESIDUAL EOD FORCE FOR SUEZ CANAL

REF STATE 246016; CAIRO 8332

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED CONTENTS OF REFTEL WITH ADMIRAL CARROLL WHO, AS DEPT WILL RECALL, RECOMMENDED TWO OPTIONS WHICH I DISCUSSED IN CAIRO REFTEL MESSAGE. I FAVOR A SMALL SHIP SUCH AS THE ATF AS RECOMMENDED BY ADMIRAL CARROLL SINCE IT WILL PROVIDE MORE VISIBLE US PRESENCE WHICH SHOULD BE ONE OF OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES. ALSO, AS DEPT CORRECTLY NOTES, LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE CANAL AREA LEAVE A LOT TO BE DESIRED. HOUSING PROBLEMS AS WELL AS THOSE RELATED TO LOGISTICS AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT WOULD BE OBIATED WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE SHIP. IF NO SHIP IS PROVIDED, I WOULD URGE THAT THE RESIDUAL FORCE RECEIVE FULL PER DIEM SUPPORT.

2. RE STATIONING THE RESIDUAL TEAM IN CAIRO, I DO NOT BELIEVE EITHER USG NEEDS NOR THOSE OF THE SCA COULD EFFECTIVELY

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BE SERVED BY STATIONING THEM IN CAIRO. TO BE EFFECTIVE, THE

EOD ADVISORS MUST BE LOCATED IN THE CANAL AREA IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE EGYPTIAN FORCES. THREE TO FOUR HOURS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ROUND-TRIPS ON A DAILY BASIS; IN ADDITION A SERIOUS HOUSING PROBLEM EXISTS IN CAIRO. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, I RECOMMEND AGAINST STATIONING EOD RESIDUAL FORCE IN CAIRO.
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